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(*b*) the current expenditure and receipts for the year 1928–29 up to the close of the first half year, with a commercial audit showing the rate of profit and loss ?

A.—(*a*) The hon. Member is referred to the answer to question No. 1025 given at the meeting of the Legislative Council on the 1st November 1927. The approximate total expenditure incurred on capital works up to the end of December 1928 was Rs. 50,05,000.

(*b*) The hon. Member does not specify the fund in respect of which he wants information about the expenditure and receipts for the first half-year of 1928–29.

Excise

Proposals by the Kanara Indian Christian Civic League regarding the retail sale of liquor.

* 1405 *Q.*—Mr. J. A. Saldanha : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that in a large number of shops selling country liquor in retail, it is adulterated with water and essence of camphor or dhatura opium and such other drugs to make up for the weakness of the liquor ;

(*b*) whether Government have considered the proposals made by the Kanara Indian Christian Civic League in its representation in October 1927 for conveying the liquor from Nellikuppam and for selling it in sealed bottles and with what result ; and

(*c*) whether it is proposed to consider the proposal further in order to prevent the adulteration of liquor in retail shops at least for the benefit of the people who are willing and able to purchase bottled liquor ?

A.—(*a*) The Government are not aware that the fact is as suggested.

(*b*) The Government considered the proposals but no definite conclusions were arrived at.

(*c*) The suggestion will be considered again.

Medical

Proposed opening of a medical college at Vellore.

* 1406 *Q.*—Dr. B. S. Mallayya :—Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is a proposal to have a new medical college at Vellore ;

(*b*) what is the estimated cost thereof ;

(*c*) whether there is any proposal to have the building constructed by a private body and whether Government are going to make any contribution to such private body ;

(*d*) if so, how much they are going to contribute for the building and how much for the running expenses every year ;

(*e*) whether that institution will be recognized by the General Medical Council ;

(*f*) whether it is proposed to make provision at Vellore for teaching (i) Ophthalmology, (ii) Midwifery and (iii) Insanity; and

(*g*) whether any and if so, what facilities exist for training girls in medicine in the existing medical colleges.

A.—(*a*) There is a proposal to raise the existing Missionary Medical School for Women at Vellore into a College.

(*b*) The initial cost is estimated at Rs. 13,25,500; the Government have no information as to the probable recurring expenditure.

(*c*) & (*d*) The college will be a private institution: the Government have promised a non-recurring grant of one-half of the expenditure subject to the maximum of Rs. 5 lakhs towards buildings; no proposal for a recurring grant for running expenses is under consideration.

(*e*) The Government are unable to say whether the institution will or will not be recognized by the General Medical Council.

(*f*) The Government are not in possession of the information.

(*g*) Women students are eligible for admission to the Medical Colleges at Madras and Vizagapatam under the same conditions as men students; they are also exempted from the payment of tuition fees.

Mr. K. Koti Reddi:—"May I know, in view of the fact that Government is likely to commit itself to a grant of five lakhs, whether this question will be deferred till the report of the Committee on London University is published?"

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar:—"There is no question of deciding hereafter. The matter has been decided long ago and the grant has been made."

Industries

Loans to Industrial concerns under the State Aid to Industries Act.

1407 *Q*.—Mr. J. A. Saldanha: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) the industrial concerns which received aid under the State Aid to Industries Act and have failed to discharge their obligations to Government and what fate each one of them has met;

(*b*) whether Government have enforced in all these cases their right as to their loan under section 18 of the Act; and

(*c*) whether Government have come to a decision as to their attitude towards the clause in my Bill to amend the State Aid to Industries Act which is to repeal section 18 of the Act?

A.—(*a*) The Carnatic Paper Mills, Limited, Rajahmundry, and Muthyala Seenappa Ramanna Safety Match Factory, Bellary. The present position as regards the former is that explained in the Press Communiqué issued on 3rd December 1928. A notice is being issued to the latter demanding payment of amount due to Government.

(*b*) Not yet.

(*c*) The hon. Member has not proposed the repeal of the section but has only proposed to amend it. His proposal is under examination.